

IS QUIET ON THE BORDER--LOCAL END OF THE MEXICAN SITUATION

REPORT OF TAKING OF U. S. CAVALRYMEN OFFICIALLY DENIED BY U. S. OFFICERS AND BY THE REBEL AUTHORITIES AT NACO

(BY STAFF CORRESPONDENT.)

NACO, April 21.—Captain Tompkins, commanding the troops stationed at Naco, declared today that the rumor in circulation to the effect that a squad of his men had crossed the Mexican border south of Hereford and had been taken by a Constitutionalist band, was without truth.

The Captain appeared to be amused when he was asked about the rumor. He turned to Lieutenant Barton and asked if all the men had not been present at roll call. The officer answered that every trooper was in camp, and none had been as far west as Hereford since February.

The rumor also carried the information that the commandant at Fort Huachuca had sent a company of cavalry to the border to investigate the affair.

With the arrival of Colonel Gresham, commanding at the Fort, this was also denied. The commanding officer declared that no such action had been taken and that nothing of the kind had occurred. Col. Gresham arrived in Naco more or less on a tour of inspection of the border camps.

COL. GRESHAM SENDS TROOPS TO GLEASON IN RESPONSE TO APPEAL OF CITIZENS FOR PROTECTION FROM DANGER FROM MEXICANS

(BY STAFF CORRESPONDENT.)

FT. HUACHUCA, April 21.—Late this afternoon Col. Gresham, commanding at Fort Huachuca, in response to a request from the people of Gleason that a platoon of soldiers be sent there to take care of the Mexican situation, dispatched Lieutenant G. C. Brant and a squad of men to the scene. The detail of men left the Fort this afternoon and expect to arrive in Gleason early in the morning.

The ride across country is about fifty miles and the men left prepared for any emergency which might occur.

PEREZ CALLS UPON MEXICANS TO CONDUCT THEMSELVES IN DIGNIFIED MANNER; SAYS NO ALLIANCE WITH HUERTA IS POSSIBLE

Constitutionalist officials at Naco are only desirous of maintaining the friendly relations now existing between the United States and their government. All of the customs officers at the Sonora port of entry and others in command are anxious that the large number of Mexican residents in Arizona be assured that nothing will be done without warning and without provocation.

J. Lozano Perez, constitutionalist consul at Naco, issued a statement yesterday to the Mexican people on this side of the line and also to the American people. The consul is anxious that the sympathizers with the Rebel movement be careful and await developments.

The two statements, one in English and one in Spanish, issued by Consul Perez, follow:

"Having had several inquiries by 'phone relative to the Tampico incident, I wish to state that the only thing that I can say at the present time relative to the difficulties which Huerta individually is trying to bring about with the Mexican Nation by provoking intervention by the United States of America, is that, if such a lamentable case should occur, the Constitutionalist under no circumstances will unite with the Huerta party, and as to the attitude that the former will take, I am not authorized to say what it would be, but I am perfectly sure that they would assume an attitude which would be dignified to all patriots.

(Signed)

"J. LOZANO PEREZ."

MEXICANOS:

"Desgraciadamente parece confirmarse que Huerta nos envuelve en dificultades internacionales y que provocara la guerra con E. U. A. porque ve que su tirania se derrumba.

Acudo a vuestro patriotismo para que permanescas expectantes de los acontecimientos hasta en tanto el Primer Jefe del Ejercito Constitucionalista tome alguna actitud la que os asegure sera digna de patriotas.

"J. LOZANO PEREZ,

Consul Constitucionalista.

HUNT RESPONDS TO YUMA VALLEY CALL FOR PROTECTION AGAINST POSSIBLE CUTTING CANALS - ASKS MACHINE GUNS

PHOENIX, April 21.—Governor Hunt has asked the government for machine guns in storage here for use in guarding the irrigation levees south of Yuma.

He said he would order out the militia south of Yuma as soon as he received permission of the war department. The governor's actions are in response to call from alarmed Yuma valley people, who fear the canal and levees will be cut.

WATER SUPPLY OF DISTRICT UNDER GUARD OF TROOPS AT NACO; CAPTAIN TOMPKINS, COMMUNICATED WITH BY REVIEW, PROMPTLY ORDERS ABUNDANT PROTECTION PLACED OVER IMPORTANT PLANT

CONSIDERABLE CONCERN WAS FELT IN THE WARREN DISTRICT LAST NIGHT AS TO THE SAFETY OF THE WATER SUPPLY AT NACO. SINCE THE OCCUPATION OF NORTHERN MEXICO, BY THE CONSTITUTIONALISTS, BANDS OF HUERTA SYMPATHIZERS HAVE BEEN ROAMING THE BORDER. IT WAS FEARED IN THE DISTRICT THAT THEY MIGHT ATTEMPT TO BLOW UP THE POWER HOUSE OF THE WATER WORKS OR TO POISON THE SUPPLY.

CAPTAIN TOMPKINS WAS CALLED UP BY THE REVIEW LAST EVENING AND TOLD OF THE FEELING IN THE DISTRICT. THE OFFICER PROMPTLY SAID THAT HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY PLACE GUARDS AROUND THE WATER WORKS.

NACO, ARIZONA, AND THE CAMP OF THE UNITED STATES TROOPS STATIONED THERE GET THEIR SUPPLY OF WATER FROM THE WELLS, AS WELL AS THE WARREN DISTRICT, AND ADEQUATE PRECAUTIONS WERE ASSURED BY CAPTAIN TOMPKINS TO PROTECT IT IN ANY EVENT.



Docks and street scene at Tampico; Federalists conveying horses across the river to Tampico.

CHIHUAHUA, April 21.—Consul Letcher is sending out Americans in small parties so as not to precipitate trouble with the Constitutionalist.

NACO, April 21.—(Special)—A mounted patrol of troopers, under the demand of Captain Tompkins, was placed here tonight. At the change of every patrol the reason for the establishment of such a patrol in town may have. Every possible precaution will be taken to protect the people of the border from possible inroads of any kind.

Captain Tompkins is inclined to believe that there will be no trouble experienced along this section of the border, but out of precaution decided to establish the patrol. It is said that the patrol will be maintained until such a time as there will be no possible danger of any trouble in the town.

Col. Gresham, commanding the forces of the U. S. at Ft. Huachuca, came here this afternoon and remained tonight.

TO STOP HUERTA GUNS. VERA CRUZ, April 21.—While no blockade will be ordered to keep foreign vessels out of Mexican ports without declaration of war, seizure of the customs houses will occur to prevent any munitions of war being dispatched to Huerta. Millions of rounds of ammunition are on the way in German vessels.

REBELS ARE EXCITED. EL PASO, April 21.—American foreign refugees from Mexico declared the rebels would not remain out of the Huerta-Washington complications. Constitutionalist leaders said they believe the seizure of Vera Cruz and Tampico would be a national matter and affect the honor of all Mexicans, regardless of their affiliations. It is reported that Carranza and Villa, in conference, took the gravest view of the situation. In public gathering places the Mexicans, nearly all rebel sympathizers, openly declared that Wilson's course would affect the Mexican nation and the common enemy must be met by a united front.

THE AFTERNOON ASSOCIATED PRESS BULLETINS; PRESIDENT YIELDS TO SENATE VIEW OF THE CAUSE OF ACTION

LAREDO, Texas, April 21.—Two Mexican Federal officers of the Nueva Laredo federal garrison went down the river yesterday, according to authoritative report to confer under a flag truce with rebels with view of coalition against the United States.

JUAREZ, April 21.—The startling development of the afternoon was the announcement of receipt of order by German Consul Max Weber from his government to get all German citizens out of his district.

MEXICO CITY, April 21.—War Minister Blanquet this afternoon issued a brief manifesto. The substance is

NACO QUIET; REBELS ARE RECEIVING WAR MUNITIONS AS USUAL FROM THIS SIDE OF LINE; CANANEANS COME OUT

(BY STAFF CORRESPONDENT.)

Naco, Arizona, and Naco, Sonora, yesterday presented the same sleepy appearance that they usually do. Nothing indicated as far as this port of Sonora was concerned, that on another border of the Republic of Mexico marines of the United States Navy had taken an important seaport.

The constitutionalist officials on both sides of the line declare that everything is entirely peaceful along the border and add that no trouble, of any kind, is expected. At first the Carranza officials were inclined to scout the report that Vera Cruz had been taken by the United States. One official said he had information earlier in the day that nothing would be done there of that nature.

When the 5:30 train arrived from Cananea, where several hundred Americans are residing, a large contingent of women and children were on board. The men coming out, said that everything was perfectly quiet at the mining town, but that for the safety of the women and children it was thought best to send them to the United States. Several automobile loads of people, principally women and children, also arrived in Naco, Arizona, late yesterday afternoon.

J. M. Gibbs, a well known liquor dealer of Cananea, arrived in Bisbee yesterday evening late with his family. Casoy Stiles, another well known Cananea man, also came out. About a week ago it was rumored that Gibbs was to be deported by the Constitutionalist government. It is thought the activities on the Gulf of Mexico has caused a great many Americans to leave Cananea and other points of Sonora who might otherwise have remained.

CARLOAD OF AMMUNITION GOES THROUGH; MANY RIFLES AND CARTRIDGES CROSS TO THE CONSTITUTIONALISTS RECENTLY

(BY STAFF CORRESPONDENT.)

NACO, April 21.—A carload of ammunition passed through the port of Naco today for the Constitutionalist in Sonora. It contained upward of 1,000,000 rounds of ammunition. Since the crisis has been impending another consignment of ammunition and rifles was sent through Naco. The car contained about one thousand 30-30 rifles and about 5,000,000 rounds of ammunition.

From this it was very apparent that the United States government had no idea of re-establishing the embargo on munitions of war sent into Mexico.

that the Huerta government does not feel that the proposed action of the United States is justified.

The war minister concludes with the declaration that if it becomes necessary, every Mexican citizen will be called in to support the colors of the country on the field of battle and that the government believes that there will be response from every part of the country.

PICTURESQUE FIGURE IS GEN. ANGELES, WHO COMMANDS GEN. VILLA'S ARTILLERY



General Angeles talking to a reporter.

One of the most picturesque figures in the present Mexican revolution is General Angeles, commander of General Villa's artillery. Before the recent battle of Torreon Angeles called up General Velasco, leader of the federalists, over the telephone and politely asked the latter to evacuate Torreon without spilling any blood. Angeles likes to pose for the movies and was "acting" for a moving picture man when the accompanying photograph was taken.